

CLAIMS**1. A soluble film comprising:**

a soluble polymer, selected from the group consisting of microcrystalline cellulose, (pre-)gelatinized starch, modified starch, dextrin, maltodextrin, pectin, iota- carrageenan, lambda- carrageenan, gum arabic, gum acacia, gum ghatti, guar gum, xanthan gum, gellan gum, pullulan and combinations thereof; and

a mechanically strong polymer selected from the group consisting of modified cellulose (carboxymethyl-, methyl-, hydroxypropyl-, hydroxypropylmethyl-), (pre-)gelatinized high amylose starch, agar, alginates, kappa- carrageenan, furcellaran, gum karaya, gum tragacanth, locust bean gum, chitosan and mixtures thereof.

2. The soluble film according to claim 1 wherein the soluble polymer is present at a concentration below the gelation concentration of said soluble polymer.

3. The soluble film according to claim 1 wherein the mechanically strong polymer is present at a concentration below the gelation concentration of said mechanically strong polymer.

4. The soluble film according to claim 1 including a therapeutically active agent.

5. The soluble film according to claim 4 wherein the therapeutically active agent is a pharmaceutical compound.

6. The soluble film according to claim 4 wherein the therapeutically active agent is a nutraceutical compound.

7. The soluble film according to claim 1 including an antimicrobial agent.

8. The film according to claim 1 in a pouch form.

9. A combination comprising:

a pouch composed of:

a soluble polymer, selected from the group consisting of microcrystalline cellulose, (pre-)gelatinized starch, modified starch, dextrin, maltodextrin, pectin, iota- carrageenan, lambda- carrageenan, gum arabic, gum acacia, gum ghatti, guar gum, xanthan gum, gellan gum, pullulan and

combinations thereof; and

a mechanically strong polymer selected from the group consisting of modified cellulose (carboxymethyl-, methyl-, hydroxypropyl-, hydroxypropylmethyl-), (pre-)gelatinized high amylose starch, agar, alginates, kappa- carrageenan, furcellaran, gum karaya, gum tragacanth, locust bean gum, chitosan and mixtures thereof; and

a unit dosage within the pouch.

10. The combination according to claim 9 wherein the unit dosage is of a pharmaceutical compound.

11. The combination according to claim 9 wherein the unit dosage is of a food product.

12. The combination according to claim 9 wherein the unit dosage is of a food industry ingredient.

13. The soluble film according to claim 9 wherein the soluble polymer is present at a concentration below the gelation concentration of said soluble polymer.

14. The soluble film according to claim 9 wherein the mechanically strong polymer is present at a concentration below the gelation concentration of said mechanically strong polymer.

15. The soluble film according to claim 9 including a therapeutically active agent.

16. The soluble film according to claim 15 wherein the therapeutically active agent is a pharmaceutical compound.

17. The soluble film according to claim 15 wherein the therapeutically active agent is a nutraceutical compound.

18. The soluble film according to claim 9 including an antimicrobial agent.